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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.